

## Positive Alternatives 2015 - 16 Quarterly Update

**Grantee:** Caring Pregnancy Center (dba Options Pregnancy Center)     **Vendor #:** 0000285530

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**Goal:** To provide necessary services and referrals to pregnant and parenting women in south-central MN

**For the period:** April – June 19, 2016

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<b>Administrative Activities</b>	Provide guidance to grant staff; complete grant forms; attend required grant meetings; hire and coordinate on-going training of grant staff		Continuing recruitment and training of PA staff, reviewing grant funded programs for possible expansion/improvement.	
<b>Outreach</b>	Provide medically accurate website; advertise in local venues; distribute posters and brochures; advertise on local buses		Renewed advertising in school sports programs and substance abuse prevention magazine. Advertised in several area newspapers.	
<b>Case Management Services</b>	Provide on-going telephone and/or office appointments for clients testing positive for pregnancy	18	Client Advocates provide ongoing office visits with clients during pregnancy and after. Phone calls are made when client is unable/fails to come for an office visit.	50
<b>Crib Distribution/ Sleep Safety Education</b>	Enroll clients in Sleep Safely Program; provide information and education on safe sleep, pregnancy, infant care, and parenting; provide crib; deliver and assemble crib if needed	36	Program continues to be well received by clients. Referrals come from former clients plus many community agencies.	46

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<b>Employment Assistance</b>	Enroll participants in Work Readiness Project; conduct assessment of work readiness skills; provide work station and mentoring; provide evaluation, incentive and references	32	Continuing with training for the Work Readiness Project Coordinator and mentor/staff. Participation by clients has greatly increased with the end of school/summer months.	58
<b>Life-Skills Education Program</b>	Provide life-skills educational components for program participants as needs are identified	16	Project staff, Client Advocates, and mentors have provided clients with information on job applications, budgeting, relationships and parenting.	31
<b>Material Support</b>	Provide material assistance and basic housekeeping needs to pregnant and parenting women	16	We continue to provide diapers on an emergency basis. Requests for clothing and diapers remains high.	68
<b>Mental Health</b>	Provide individual substance abuse education; provide referrals for ongoing alcohol/drug counseling; provide relationship counseling	5	We continue to see a large percentage of our clients with drug abuse histories, or with partners who are using drugs.	34
<b>Nutrition</b>	Provide infant formula and baby food; provide nutrition education; provide WIC and food shelf referrals	5	Client Advocates continue to stress the importance of good nutrition. We were able to provide cases of bottled water to clients during a recent contaminated water crisis in Fairmont.	32
<b>Parenting Education</b>	Provide parenting education with incentives	30	Client Advocates provide parenting education on an ongoing basis up to one year after birth if client requests.	45
<b>Pregnancy Education</b>	Provide pregnancy education with incentives	36	Pregnancy education is a large part of our crib program. Educational materials are continually reviewed and updated. Many Spanish language educational materials have been brought in to accommodate a growing number of Spanish speaking clients.	42

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<b>Provide Necessary Services Assessments Only</b>	Staff provides clients only intake assessments, information on, referral to and assistance with securing necessary services	2	Intake assessments are completed with all new clients. Most return for additional services.	1
<b>Transportation</b>	Provide gas cards or bus tokens for clients to attend Center or medical appointments	3	Bus tokens and gas cards have been beneficial in helping clients keep their appointments. As rural bus routes are expanded we anticipate an increase in both clients and the need for bus tokens.	5

<b>Maternal and Child Health Initiative Task Force Strategies</b>	<b>No.</b>
<i>Number of women who received car seats and car seat safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	0
<i>Number of women who received car seat safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	7
<i>Number of women who received child abuse prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	15
<i>Number of women who received abusive head trauma (shaken baby) prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	11
<i>Number of women who received a baby bed, crib, or pack-n-play and sleep safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	6
<i>Number of women who received sleep safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	8

**Challenges:**

**Comments:**